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## GOVERNMENT IMPROVE NATURAL RESOURCE GOVERNANCE

President Joko Widodo accompanied by a number of ministers gave a press statement, Thursday (6/1), at the Bogor Palace. The government continues to improve the management of natural resources so that there is equity, transparency and fairness, to correct inequality, injustice, and natural damage.

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## Jokowi Inaugurates Randugunting Dam in Central Java

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**INDONESIAN** President Joko Widodo inaugurated operations at Randugunting Dam in Bloro district, Central Java province, during a working visit to the province on Wednesday (5/11).

He also took a tour of the reservoir in a dragon boat.

“Alhamdulillah (all praises be to God), Randugunting Dam in Bloro district, Central Java province, has been completed

and able to be used,” he remarked.

The dam has a water storage capacity of 14.4 million cubic meters and will irrigate approximately 650 hectares of rice fields in Bloro, Pati, and Rembang districts, he informed.

“We expect that the operation of the reservoir will improve our food security and food self-sufficiency,” the President stated.

Water is key to food security, there-

fore, the government has built as many dams as possible to provide the resource, he added.

He said he expected the dam to become a great tourism site, which can improve the welfare of the people in the district. “By saying Bismillahirrohmanirrohimi (in the name of Allah Ta’ala, the Most Beneficent, the Most Merciful), I inaugurate the Randugunting Dam,” he remarked. (\*)

## Coal Export Ban Aims to Address Energy Crisis: KSP

**PRESIDENTIAL** Staff Office (KSP) stated that the Indonesian president’s policy to ban coal exports was a joint endeavor to overcome the global energy crisis.

“The global energy crisis has pushed all countries to compete for reliable energy sources, including coal from Indonesia. Hence, as part of the state’s elements, the government, the community, PT PLN, and national mining entrepreneurs must contribute together,” Deputy I Chief of Presidential Staff Febry Calvin Tetelepta stated on Thursday (6/1).

Tetelepta affirmed that the president’s

instruction to prioritize coal supply to meet domestic requirements is an implementation of the 1945 Constitution and a form of consistency to meet the electricity requirements for 270 million Indonesians. “This is the president’s action when he has to side with the interests of the people,” he affirmed.

Tetelepta reminded mining companies to not violate the domestic coal sales regulations (Domestic Market Obligation/DMO) in accordance with Law No. 3 of 2020 on Mineral and Coal, as well as Government Regulation No. 96 of 2021 on Mineral and Coal Mining

Business Activities.

“The government does not completely ban coal exports. The government lauds companies that have fulfilled their commitment pertaining to the regulations. However, the government also does not hesitate to revoke the licenses of companies that do not fulfill their obligations,” he remarked.

Febry noted that President Jokowi had ordered Minister of Energy and Mineral Resources (ESDM) Arifin Tasrif and Minister of State-Owned Enterprises (BUMN) Erick Thohir to build a permanent DMO regulatory mechanism

to meet the national electricity requirements and tackle challenges of the global energy crisis.

The government had earlier decided to stop coal exports for the January 1-31, 2022, period to ensure supply for domestic power plants. The temporary export ban applies to companies holding Mining Business Permits (IUP) or Special Mining Business Permits (IUPK) for the production operation stage, and IUPK as a continuation of contract or agreement operations, as well as Coal Mining Concession Work Agreements (PKP2B). (\*)